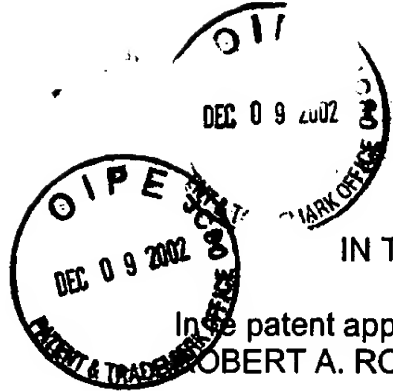


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Patent Publications Nos.

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The foregoing publications were cited in an International Search Report
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Applicant's attorney is not presently in possession of an English-language translation of the French patent publication cited above (i.e., French Patent Publication No. 2 778 554). In the event the Examiner decides that an English-language translation of this publication would be helpful, applicant's attorney will provide the United States Patent and Trademark Office with an appropriate English-language translation of same.

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